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"Real Generosity Toward The Future Lies In Giving All To The Present."
----Albert Camus (1913-1960, French Novelist and Nobel Laureate

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President's Message December, 2011

Here it is the end of 2011 and I hope it has been a good year for you all. I am in good health and hope you are all the same. Looking forward to another year with lots of good things for us all. HAPPY 2012! I still attended as many club meetings or functions as I am able. I still enjoy the programs and all your Show-N-Tells and now the auctions being held at meetings. There is always some spirited bidding and items sometime go for a lot more than they should but bidders seem to enjoy the bidding.

September was just regular monthly meetings with only a couple of club shows. Mid September had Livermore Valley Coin Club First Fall Show and late September had Sacramento Coin Club Show. Sorry, I was unable to attend either of these shows.

In October Diablo Numismatic Society held their two day coin show in Concord and Delta Coin Club had their two day coin show in Stockton and I lent a helping hand in setting up. Vallejo Numismate Society was host club for the California Numismatic Association's Northern Symposium held at the Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum and I was moderator introducing the speakers for the day. All the speakers were well versed and had interesting subjects. If you get a chance, attend these symposiums, it will be well worth your while. I attended the California State Numismatic Society Show and Convention in Long Beach and being on the board, I had the opportunity to meet some people for the first time, some of which I had only spoken to on the telephone. I really enjoyed the trip. Peninsula Coin Club had their coin show at Napredak Hall in San Jose and missed it since I was on my way home from Long Beach. On a personal note, I am an ex-Greyhound driver and retired after over twenty-five years of service and we had a retiree's dinner in Reno, Nevada at the Sand's Casino. It was good to see some old friends and hear what's happening in their lives. Dinner had a drawing and I donated some numismatic items and I believe we may have some new interest in numismatics. Just never know who may become a collector - old or young.

Novermber was just another regular monthly meetings and meetings getting ready for December.

December started out with the Fairfield/Vallejo Joint Christmas Dinner. The attendance was 86. There were donated door prizes enough for all and some twice. Our Emcee Clifford Mishler past ANA President kept thing rolling. Awards were presented can't remember them all but I do remember that I was honored to receive the **"UNITED STATES PRESIDENT'S 2011 VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD"** presented by ANA Vice President Walter Ostromecki, who presented me with the lapel pin and certificate. I was highly surprised at this great honor bestowed upon me and twice as honored having it presented by my good friend. Next was dinner at Zio-Fraedo's in Concord put on by the Diablo Numismatic Society. Another chance to meet and speak with people we don't often see and enjoying a nice social evening.

Just a reminder that NCNA prints a coin show list, a free service to the numismatic community, listing is updated quarterly. If your club has an upcoming show send information early to: NCNA, Fred G. van den Haak, P. O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, Ca. 49306-0484 or e mail to fredvdh@gmail.com

There are several up coming club show, so hopefully we'll see you at one of them in 2012, it's leap year and we have one more day in February. Check out the "Coin Show Schedule" for dates and places.

As you can see there are many ways to get involved and support your local coin club. Just join and participate. You can't beat the good times, with the friendship of fellow numismatists, along with expanding your knowledge of the hobby. Hopefully I will see you and get acquainted at all the other club shows or functions. As I always say, support your local clubs, don't just let the other guy do it all, for you too can enjoy the fruits of your labors! Until we meet again, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Harry W. Davis, President

MINTMASTER'S QUILL: An Editor's Prerogative

My Friends,

Greetings! Happy New Year, 2012! With this 2012, Your Editor has reached a milestone in his numismatic involvements, service, and enjoyment. This August 2012, it shall be forty (40) years since I first ventured into organized numismatics, our coin community. That first venture, that first introduction, was here in Vallejo, California with the Vallejo Numismatic Society. I still remember wearing my red wind breaker, from my position at Childrens' Wonderland of the local Greater Vallejo Recreation District (GVRD), and ever present, as today, cap, driving the 1966 Chevy II to the Veterans Memorial Building, where the Society then met.

The world has spun and turned many, many times, since that August 2, 1972 date. The Vets Building has long been closed and boarded. The 1966 Chevy II was stolen back in 1992. There are no current members in the Vallejo Numismatic Society who belong then, except the one who joined that August evening, namely me.

The coin community----*a nomenclature not spoken and used much by many coin hobbyists*----has had its changes since then, and these can be quickly itemized: return of modern commemorative coinages, ever increasing precious metal prices, the slabs, and the death of local coin clubs across our entire nation.

Your Editor has had changes: then a college student at his beloved al mater, San Francisco State University, and now retired! What A Change!

Yet, there are thoughts and things that endure, that span decades, and that remain true as yesterday and shall be true tomorrow. Poets, pundits, and preachers have spoken and written far greater than my words here.

Your Editor can leave the philosophy, the poetry, and prose to those far better with words and meaning. But, after forty years, Your Editor cannot dismiss that one eternal, one lasting treasure, and the one real reward: **the friends**, ***the friends*** who shared this passion called numismatics and shared their lives with me as I did with them.

There names are engraved on the heart; their memory is what still teaches. Their hopes and wants are my hopes and wants. They are known to me, and many incidents, only to me: Bill, Carl, Gordon, Lucky, Ron, Ozzie, Maxine, Helen, Dennis, Gayle, Lou, and others, for to name all could fill this entire page. The reader may not know them, but Your Editor did. They were, and are, the lasting lesson of these soon four decades.

It was numismatics that brought them into Your Editor's life and him into their life. Their passing has not diminished my respect or my remembrance. Their presence, years ago or even decades ago, was instrumental in my growth, my knowledge, and my advancement in most all phases in numismatics, this coin community. From those steps up to the main door into the Vets Hall, to my now third year of retirement, they were the ones who, in their quiet ways, forged upon the anvils of their experience much of what is Your Editor today and shall be tomorrow.

Each in his or her own way did something, not stupendous or earth shaking, that is me today. It could have been a remembrance from Bill, a short admonishment by Ozzie, or a blunt commentary with Lucky. The reader does not need to know the specifics. Those are treasures of the heart.

Closing, decades ago, Your Editor posted a passage from a biography about Herbert Hoover on the drafting table lamp when he drafted for NAVELEX on now closed Mare Island Naval Shipyard. It simply remarked that Hoover, unlike many others of fame and fortune, near forgot those before in his career and times on his path in life and toward advancement. I cannot either, nor should anyone else forget those in his or her life.

Ending, Henry Ford taught it best when he said ***"The Best Friend Is The One Who Brings Out The Best In Me"***. Those named above and others, and those few about me today, have that satisfaction, leaving me only to say, simply and sincerely, ***'Thank You'***. That Says It All.

Happy New Year 2012!

Remember: **Have Fun With Your Hobby! Always Serve Others! Enjoy Your Collecting! And, Create Hope and Do Good!**

Numismatically Yours,

GOLD MINER DIGGINGS: NCNA News and Happenings

2011 NorCal Coin Show

As this NCNA HEADS AND TALES issue is being prepared and printed, ***nothing*** has been scheduled or even considered for a NorCal this calendar year. Interested NCNA Members and potential Bourse Dealers are invited to contact President Harry W. Davis at ***707-980-8254***. President Davis does not have an e-mail address. Do **Not** Contact Via EMPERORI@juno.com.

Board of Directors Meeting

As this NCNA HEADS AND TALES issue is being prepared and printed, ***nothing*** has been scheduled or even considered for the next Board Meeting. Interested NCNA Members and Club Delegates are invited to contact President Harry W. Davis at ***707-980-8254***. President Davis does not have an e-mail address. Do **Not** Contact Via EMPERORI@juno.com.

2012 Election Year

According to the adopted procedures, every two years, biannually, in the even numbered year, there is our Executive Officer Election, for **President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary, *and* Treasurer.** Any current Association Individual Member may become a candidate. The nomination procedure is informal; just communicate with one of the current Executive Officers your willingness to serve. The election is via a prepared ballot, usually in September or October.

Sidebar: The total Board of Directors is composed of the aforementioned five Executive Officers and one voting Club Delegate from our Association's twenty or so Club Members.

2012 Dues

With January, your 2012 Dues becomes payable. The Dues Rate remains unchanged: **$5.00, for Individual Members, and $10.00, for Club Members**. Dues may be mailed to the Treasurer at *'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410'.*

Note: Dues payments received shall be credited; however, the supply of Membership Cards has become depleted. So there may be a delay in responding with updated Membership Cards.

Also: Congratulations to our distant Canadian Individual Member, Paul R. Johnson, who has repeatedly been the first each year in submitting and paying his dues. *Thanks, Paul!*

2012 Miller Medal

As required by Policy, the first announcement for our Association's coveted *'Miller Medal'*, the *'Ron Miller Memorial Award'*, is now being published. The deadline for written nominations is June 30, 2012. By past practice, completed nominations are submitted to the current President.

Note: Anyone seeking a copy of the governing Policy is invited to contact Your Editor. Since it is only hard-copy, an electronic download is not possible. Included with this issue is the latest roster of the recipients to date.

BRANCH MINT REPORTS: NCNA Club Happenings

Hello! Welcome To 2012! Before these 'Branch Mint Reports' begin, two issues have arisen, which need to be clarified and to seek input from our Club Members:

First, as this issue is being prepared and as in the past, a few Club Members have not been mailing, or downloading, their current newsletters/bulletins or sending News Releases. While Your Editor receives his personal issue, in most all cases, of the respective newsletters/bulletins, these are his ***personal*** copy and with my retirement years now 'cleaning-out' the accumulations of decades----*recently someone found my Blue Cross payment coupon from 1975 and it was found among some of my old school documents at Will C. Wood High, where I retired from in June 2008! Wow! LOL!*----these are being recycled. Thus, if a Club Member wishes coverage here in these BRANCH MINT REPORTS, its newsletter/bulletin must be received either at *'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410'* or downloaded, with subject title, to EMPERORI@juno.com. If a Club Member is not included with this issue, below and next pages, then no current newsletter/bulletin has been received. *Sorry.*

Second, the issue of 'no last names' has arisen and spread, and it is affecting the coverage and reporting here in these BRANCH MINT REPORTS, as well as most likely in our compatriot CALIFORNIA NUMISMATIST. The latest issue of TODO DINERO, the excellent monthly for the San Jose (California) Coin Club, reports that in that Club the matter "is highly debatable". I cannot dispute the security or even the personal concerns; however, ***a primary function of NCNA HEADS AND TALES is coverage and historical documentation***. At this point, if names are not known, as well as the facts, as dates, not clear, there simply ***cannot*** be any reporting. Comments, constructive, are welcomed.

In either case, it coverage simply 'skimpy' or slim below with some local Club Members, well, it is the result of either or both the aforementioned.

CALIFORNIA EXONUMIST SOCIETY In the most recent quarterly MEDALLION, there was a challenge: who could report first the grievous error that had repeatedly occurred in two prior issues in 2011? Well, Folks, It Was His Majesty, **'KING LYLE OKAMATO'**, Who Was 'First'! Wow! His 'divine' Majesty is smart and swift! Well, what was the error? Simply, Your Editor here, who doubles as the MEDALLION's Editor, kept referring in his column as 'From Your President' instead of just changing it to 'From Your Editor', no longer being the CES' President. Shame, Shame, and Shame. *LOL!* **'KING LYLE'** explained his in edict e-mail that poor peasants and scrum serfs need to remember their stage and position. Your Editor begs His Majesty forgiveness, **'KING LYLE'**. *LOL!* Changing to serious business, as this NCNA HEADS AND TALES issue is being prepared and printed, it is not clear if CES would gather this January 28, 2012 during the San Jose Coin Club's Show. CES Members and exonomists, as well as others, are welcomed to check at www.sanjosecoinclub.org for updates. The CES did have a most successful gathering last October 29, 2011 in Long Beach, California, with excellent attendance and much fun and funds earned with its famous Fund-Raising Auction, earning a quite respectable $276.00. Even **'KING LYLE'** graced his presence and bid! Incidentally, the current President for CES is **LILA ANDERSON**, of Grover Beach, California.

CUPERTINO COIN CLUB Your Editor attended last October 23, 2011 the CCC's Twenty-Seventh (27th) Annual Awards Banquet, at Cupertino, California's well-know Blue Pheasant Restaurant. It was an enjoyable evening at the table with **DONALD BURNS**, who has been involved with the Club for decades, and **THE SHATTUC's, WILLIAM and DANIEL**. We shared many remembrances. The CCC had its annual Youth Night last October 14, 2011 with 'root beer floats', and the earlier September 9, 2011 meeting was its annual SeptemberFest, among those listed who added to those Togo sandwiches, were **THE LO's, ALVIN and PEARL, RONALD ISHIZAKI, KATHERINE RAY, MARTHA and**

FRED DAVIS, and Your Editor, along with others. Your Editor can verify there was plenty of food, and it was a most enjoyable evening. *Sidebar:* The current CCC President is **FRED, *'King Fredrick The Great*, DAVIS**, and he is more egalitarian and plebian than **'KING LYLE'**, refusing any royal titles! Looking ahead, the CCC holds its 2012 Coin Show on Sunday, February 19, 2012, again at Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, in San Jose, California, hours 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. There is a nominal $2.00 admission charge, but there is also ample free parking. This would be the Club's Fortieth (40th) Coin Show, and the Bourse Coordinator is **BRUCE BRAGA**, at ***408-839-1883*** or BruceBraga1@AIM.com. *Sidebar:* Your Editor is scheduled to be staffing a combination information/Youth/American Numismatic Association (ANA) table, usually at the entrance into the Hall. A chance to meet and to mingle with fellow Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA) and California State Numismatic Association (CSNA) members is invited. Check updates and show specifics at www.CupertinoCoinClub.com.

DELTA COIN CLUB *First*, **CLIFFORD L. MISHLER** graced the Club's December 3, 2011 meeting with his third visit to the Stockton, California local coin club, his prior visits being in 2003 and 2008. **CLIFFORD** was here in northern California to serve as the Master of Ceremonies of the following Saturday, December 3, 2011 Twenty-Fifth (25th) Annual Joint Christmas Party of the Fairfield Coin Club and Vallejo Numismatic Society. The Club had a potluck affair as well as 'other hobbies', and **CLIFFORD** shared some observations about current trends in the hobby and coin community, particularly his insight that collecting would be 'specialized'. Also attending and sharing some time were **MIKE and MASON MERILLES**, who have co-founded the 'Serra High School Coin and Currency Coin Club' in Manteca, California. This high school coin club is now in its second year, and is doing well, meeting monthly. **MIKE and MASON** have taken the initiative and made contacts with the American Numismatic Association (ANA) as well as Your Editor. *Second*, the Club's held its annual fund-raising auction at the September 16, 2011 meeting, earning a respectable $631.00, from seventy-nine (79) donated lots. The coordination and roster was done by **TONY RANTZ**, who attended and arranged the auction, even though terribly sick with a cold or flu bug. The auctioneers were **CLIF RICE, EDWARD HOHE,** and **MICHAEL S.TURRINI**, and the auction lasted close to two hours. It should be noted to NCNA HEADS AND TALES readers that **LORIS D. ENZMINGER**, the Club's Treasurer these past record twenty-nine (29) years, is stepping down, due to health and having done it for three decades. She was honored this past December 3, 2012 by California State Numismatic Association (CSNA) President **GARY BEEDON** with a *'President's Medal'*, in recognition for her over four decades of service to the DCC. *Sad News*: The Club noted the passing recently of **AL ALVAREZ**, who with his wife, **JOAN**, were active and attending as well as the neighboring Stanislaus County Coin Club (SCCC).

DIABLO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY Held this past Sunday, December 11, 2011 its Christmas Dinner at Pleasant Hill, California's well-respected Zio Fraedo's. Attending were about forty-five, including the **'CHUCK' CALL**, out-going President of the Fremont Coin Club, **HARRY W. DAVIS**, President for our Association, and Your Editor, who is President of the Western Wooden Money Club. The 2012 Officers were installed by Your Editor, who has performed this function these past several years, and the Officers are: **JAMES H. LAIRD**, *President*, **LAWRENE K. CASAGRANDE**, *Vice-President*, **WILLIAM G. GREEN**, *Treasurer*, **BRADFORD F. LEE**, *Secretary*, with **KYLE ANDERSON** and **STEVEN MCCLURE**, *Directors*. What was special, **STANLEY LEE**, of Burma Road Coin Shop, attended. He, along with a few others, founded the DNS back in 1960, and his visited brought back memories. He was joined with his family. **MICHAEL S. TURRINI** and **MICHAEL M. 'Steamer' STANLEY** shared remembrances with **STANLEY**, particularly the names and personalities. Also another assemblage were the number of DNS' *'Fellows'* present: **MICHAEL S. TURRINI, MICHAEL M. STANLEY, JAMES H. LAIRD, WILLIAM G. GREEN MARK CLARKSON, JOHN P. RUSSELL, JR,** with **STEVEN MCCLURE**. As usual, it was a nice formal but relaxed affair. Earlier, **BRUCE BERMAN**, at the Society's November 17, 2011 meeting, presented a *'Coin Grading Clinic'* to fine reviews.

FAIRFIELD COIN CLUB The Club's October 26, 2011 had a 'Costume Contest', judged by **ELAINE FLORKOWSKI,** and she awarded the 'best adult' to **JON-MARIA MARISH**, as the 'Grim Reaper', and the 'best youth' to **CHARMAINE GRIFFIN**, as 'Fairy Ballerina'. Several FCC members have become part of **SCOTT GRIFFIN's** periodic 'Sunday Coin Gathering', and the last one was October 30, 2011 with the theme of 'British Banking'! Wow! Earlier, the FCC enjoyed a 'Pizza Night' at its September 28, 2011 meeting, with **BONNIE HARRIMAN** baking "a great pineapple upside down cake". One of the new features at FCC meetings is the 'currency contest', which is based on the serial numbers of selected Federal Reserve Notes. Both the Fairfield Coin Club and the neighboring Delta (Stockton, California) Coin Club have begun these, and the response has been positive. The latest for FCC involved 1976 Two Dollar Star Notes, with **KEVIN M. QUENGA, SR**. claimed the lowest serial number. FCC' Vice-President **WILLIAM F. BARTZ** has been coordinating this creative contest. Most recently the FCC concluded with its neighbors, the Vallejo Numismatic Society, their Twenty-Fifth (25th) Joint Christmas Party at the Fairfield, California Anheuser-Busch Brewery. A commemorative silver round, featuring the head of a world-famous Clydesdale Horse, was designed by FCC member **LLOYD G. CHAN**, and FCC President **ROBERT W. BELLAU, SR,** was awarded his ***second*** American Numismatic Association (ANA) *'President's Award'*.

FRESNO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY Held its October 2012 Coin Show to generally rave reviews, and a consistent response from the Bourse Dealers to maintain a two-day show. While attendance was not as planned, nearly four hundred (400) attendees visited the Show. Coordinated by **RUTH M. PHILLIPS**, the Show was deemed a success, in these troubling times. **RUTH** gave special recognition to these FNS members: **MARTHA TUCK** and **DENNIS SOLIDAY**, who staffed both days, the kitchen/food service, **JACK MEZZACAPPA, RICHARD HUNTER,** and **GREG CASTILLO**, who did 'guard duty' over Saturday night. The Exhibit's *'People's Choice Award'* went to **KEN RICHERT**. The FNS has scheduled ***October 27 and 28, 2012 for its 2012 Show***. The Society ended 2011, and its Sixty-Fifth (65th) Anniversary, with a Christmas Banquet at Fresno, California's Yosemite Falls Restaurant, during which the Society continued its longtime tradition of donations solicited for the well-known 'Toys For Tots'. Least not forgotten, earlier at the September 13, 2011 meeting, the FNS held its White Elephant Auction, called by **BUD SANDERS**, and it earned the Society $669.00: "we sure had a lot of laughs and everyone had a good time bidding on the many donations."

FREMONT COIN CLUB Its monthly DOUBLE EAGLE Editor **AARON HOUSTON** does an outstanding job with the Club's newsletter: it remains among the most informative, complete, and positive in tone of many newsletter/bulletins that Your Editor receives for NCNA HEADS AND TALES and as a member of many local coin clubs. You can contact and request a downloaded electronic copy of the latest DOUBLE EAGLE from **AARON** at aaronhouston0758@comcast.net. The FCC has been busy. *First*, it elected its 2012 Executive Officers, save two positions: **BRUCE CAIRES**, *President*, **DENNIS PAGANO**, *Second Vice-President*, **BRIITA EHLERS**, *Treasurer*, **AARON HOUSTON**, *Corresponding Secretary*, with **DON EHLERS, MATT HUTCHINSON, WANDA JOHNSON, RAY KOWALSKI,** and **BOB LUSK**, *Directors*. These Officers and Directors will be installed on January 15, 2012. *Second,* the Club's 'Bubble Drawing' gave at the November 9, 2011 meeting member **GAIL HERNDON** thirteen (13) Walking Liberty Half Dollars! At the same meeting, the Club welcomed Boy Scout Troop #33, from Los Altos, California with Leader **ARTHUR BERNSTEIN**. *Third*, the FCC ended 2011 with a Christmas Party at its December 13, 2011 meeting, with the traditional Christmas Stockings for the youngster; donations to these Stockings were from **RON HAMRO, 'CHUCK' CALL, BRUCE CAIRES, SCOTT WESTERN, HOWARD and SUSAN SILSDORF, BILL KENNY, RON PHILLIPS, DONALD R. BARSI, ED CARIES, Jr., JAMES LAWRENCE, GREG PANG, JOHN and MICHAEL PATTON,** and **DONALD EHLERS**. Earlier at the October 11, 2011 meeting **KENNETH J. BARR** spoke on *'327 Most Favorite Souvenir Cards'*, "including Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP), United States Postal Service (USPS), Semi-Official, Fore-Runners, and United Nations (UN), showing examples of each. KEN told use that his oldest Card dates from the 1870s."

LIBERTY NUMISMATIC SOCIETY Held *'Other Hobbies Night'* at its November 16, 2011 meeting with **DANIEL O. SHATTUC** talking "about water fowl conversation and Ison Walton League and how he worked for the sportsman, showing support for conservation and wildlife. **LARRY ZINK** talked about fishing, his collections of fiber glass rods, fishing reels, and fishing lures. **KEN FOWLER** talked about his collecting old Almanacs, which included some dated back to 1715 and 1766, and **BILL HURJA** talked about his dream to build a Stanley Steamer and his 1931 Model A Ford that he working on. Further, **BILL** talked about building three houses and his work with the Election Commission." The members presented voted **BILL**'s presentation the best and most interesting. Also, **BILL** had agreed to continue as the Society's President in 2012. Earlier, at the October 19, 2011 meeting, **MICHAEL S. TURRINI**, combining 'a day at the beach', "made a presentation on 'Confederate Paper Money' . . . he mentioned the basic book or Bible for this type of collecting is the Criswell standard reference. Further, **MICHAEL** mentioned that in February 1861, Southern States began to form a nation with a 'tea party attitude'. Then, the Confederates decided that they needed their own money to support the new nation. The first Confederate paper money was printed in New York City, even though the Confederates were leaving the Union. Another notable fact was that South Carolina's Governor wife's, Lucy Pickens, was portrayed as 'Women of the South'. This was another excellent program by **MICHAEL**." Earlier, at the September 21, 2011 meeting, **ALVIN H.W. LO** gave his *'How To Design Club Medals'* program: "**AL** has designed medals for the California State Numismatic Association (CSNA), the San Jose Coin Club, the Cupertino Coin Club, and the Liberty Numismatic Society. He gave us new insights of tools now available to design and create designs for club medals. Thanks, AL, for an excellent presentation."

LIVERMORE VALLEY COIN CLUB Has adopted a 'Last Call' for its Drawing Tickets: "Effective September 1, 2011, we will announce a 'Last Call' for Drawing [raffle] tickets. All drawing tickets must be in place in the pot at that time; sooner is okay. No drawing tickets shall be allowed after the 'last call'." It was reported that the LVCC's November 15, 2011 meeting was different: "November turned out to be one of our more social meetings. Multiple individual pre-meeting conversations were going one which delayed the 'actual; meeting from starting on time. One could have been thirty (30) minutes late and still not missed the 'On Time Drawing'. Everything that followed was late as well but nobody cared. It was apparently an over due social get-together. There were no complaints." Going back to September 2011, the LVCC held its first-ever FALL SHOW on September 18, 2011: the Show as a smashing success, with good attendance and the bourse 'sold-out' weeks before the date. The Club ended 2011 with a Holiday Party on December 20, 2011.

PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY Your Editor's last PCNS' BULLETIN was the October 2011 issue; so, there was no coverage or reporting for recent PCNS events. The September 21, 2011 heard California State Numismatic Association (CSNA) Vice-President **JEFF SHEVLIN** speak on *'Charbneau So-Called Dollars'*: "Jules Charbneau acquired a world-class collection of miniatures and took his collection on the road, touring American cities and the world during The Great Depression . . . He exhibited his 'World of Miniature Curiosities' at the 1939 and 1940 Golden Gate International Exposition (GGIE). He had a small gold, silver, and copper medal struck to sell at this display. Today, So-Called Dollar specialists, as well as GGIE collectors, search for these tiny medals. With fewer than five hundred (500) remaining, these are difficult to acquire. **JEFF** shared his knowledge of the thirteen (13) documented varieties, verified by personal examination." At this same meeting, **JACK FREE** "brought his binder of GGIE material, featuring 'a little bit of everything', including an 1881 Morgan Dollar engraved 'Treasure Island 1940'." Also, **STEPHEN M. HUSTON** "shared a silver souvenir spoon from GGIE with the Court of Pacifica in the bowl of the spoon." *Sidebar Factoid*: Jules Charbneau actually purchased the large statue of Pacifica, which dominated the Court after the Exposition closed in 1940; however, the United States Navy, due to World War II, taking over the Treasure Island site resulted in 1941, the statue being dynamited and destroyed. *Readers:* Your Editor has a passion for 1939 and 1940 Golden Gate International Exposition (GGIE).

PENINSULA COIN CLUB During the School Year, the Peninsula Coin Club, of Palo Alto, California, meets in the Home Economics/Domestic Arts/Sewing Classroom at the 'JLS' Middle School, and 'JLS' means 'Jane Leland Stanford', named for the wife of Leland Stanford, famous for the Central Pacific Railroad and Stanford University indirectly, since the University was named for their only son. The PCC ended 2011 with a Super Mega Drawing (raffle) at its December 12, 2011 meeting with over $800.00 in prizes. A longtime tradition of the PCC is a 'voluntary' early morning breakfast at Denny's, on First Street in San Jose, California, just before the Show work and setup begins. This year's Show was on November 6, 2011, and a faithful crew assembled at Denny's with one arriving two hours early, since the Daylight Savings Time had ceased the evening beforehand! No names would be published here; but, **RONALD IKEBE**, in a kind gesture, paid for everyone's breakfast. Thanks, **RON**!

REDWOOD EMPIRE COIN CLUB Held its Annual 'Helen and Roy Roberts Memorial Club Benefit Auction' at its October 12, 2011 meeting, with proceeds "covering the rent, mailing costs, food, etc." There were sixty-seven (67) donations, and the Club earned a respectable $628.00. The Auctioneer was **MERLE AVILA**, the Club's current President and the Club's Show and Bourse Coordinator. Speaking of the Show, the RECC's Forty-Fourth (44th) Annual Coin Show is on February 17 and 18, 2012 again inside Finley Hall on the Sonoma County Fairgrounds, in Santa Rosa, California.

RENO COIN CLUB Heard **RUSTY KING**, longtime RCC booster, speak on *'Happy Birthday, Nevada'* at its November 1, 2011 meeting, "who brought a variety of 100th and 125th anniversary medals for Nevada's Statehood, which also included medals from five different counties. It was noted that 2014 would mark Nevada's Sesquicentennial and the Club's Thirtieth (30th) Anniversary. Sounds like that we need to be thinking about another medal." The October 4, 2011 meeting was about *'Deep Mirror Proof like (DMPL) Morgan Dollars'*, "including a complete set of Carson City Silver Dollars!" The September 6, 2011 meeting had ice cream and *'Treasures of the Carson City Mint'*, which was a DVD presentation that featured RCC members, from 2005 and a coin show held inside the Carson City Mint; appearances in the DVD included **KEN HOPPLE, DAVID CARUTHERS, RUSTY GOE,** and **AL BLYTHE.**

SACRAMENTO VALLEY COIN CLUB Heard at its October 26, 2011 meeting **PATTI WAITE** talking about '*Women On Coins*': her "presentation included historical figures, as Cleopatra, Catherine The Great, Queen Victoria, Elizabeth I, and Sacagawea, as well as contemporary figures, Elizabeth II, Queens Wilhelmina, Juliana, and Beatrix, of the Netherlands, Susan B. Anthony, as well as mythical figures, Minerva/Athena, Justice, and Liberty." *Here Is A Deal:* at the September 14, 2011 meeting, during Show 'n Tells, **JIM ADDLESPERGER** "showed a 1916 Buffalo Five Cents that he managed to buy on eBay for ninety-nine (99) cents."

SAN FRANCISCO COIN CLUB Well, did not end 2011 on a positive note. Its final December 15, 2011 meeting failed. Oh Well, The Club 'keeps trying'! The Club shall try again in January 2012: its meeting has been changed to January 20, 2012, the Third Friday evening, to avoid conflicts with the San Jose Coin Club's Show the following weekend. The Club will gather at *'Tennessee Grill, 1128 Taraval Avenue, between 21st and 22nd Avenues, in the Sunset District of San Francisco, California'*. The group gathers starting at 6:30 PM.

SAN JOSE COIN CLUB Heard SJCC Hall of Famer **LARRY BENSON** speak on *'Preserving Your Coin Investment'* at its November 9, 2011 meeting: **LARRY** "started by reviewing the enemies of coins from his talk at our March 2011 meeting. **LARRY** then talked about bad coin holders, which contain sulphur or let off acidic gases. He gave us types of good coin holders and which ones the major grading companies use. **LARRY** had examples of each type of good or bad holders. Also, he spoke on good ways to clean to dry coins properly." The prior October 12, 2011 meeting was the Club's 'Taco Night' which was chaired by **ALLISON PAKER**, who doubles as the SJCC's TODO DINERO Editor.

The September 14, 2011 meeting had a Coin Quiz coordinated by SJCC President **MARTHA DAVIS**: "a fun quiz asking if certain coin legends were facts or myths. Attendees answered the questions during the break and then we switched papers for grading. **ALVIN H.W. LO** won First Place with the twelve questions answered correctly. Four members came in 'second' with eleven answers correct . . . **MARTHA's** 'facts and myths' were collected from the book, FASCINATING FACTS, MYSTERIES, AND MYTHS ABOUT UNITED STATES COINS by Robert VanRyzin." Continuing a long tradition, SJCC Past President **RYAN JOHNSON** collected can or boxed food plus cash donations at the December 14, 2011 meeting for the Second Harvest Food Bank in San Jose, California.

SOLANO SILVER ROUND CLUB The SSRC changed its November 10, 2011 meeting to another location not knowing another hobbyist group assembles in the same Denny's banquet room. Arriving individuals of both SSRC and the car hobby assemblage both thought they had a 'whole batch of new members'! *LOL!* Oh Well, SSRC President **JON-MARIA MARISH** tried. Among the quickie Show 'n Tells at this disruptive November 2011 meeting was the Club's scrapbook which included snapshots and the original roster of Charter Members. Present were the Club's remaining two Charter Members: **MARIE WILLIAMS** and **MICHAEL S. TURRINI**, who is the Club's now new Historian. **JON-MARIA** would welcome comments and inquiries from fellow silver enthusiasts at ***707-384-3793*** or fccjoni@yahoo.com. In fact, recently, **MICHAEL** received a telephone inquiry was taken from a fellow silver round hobbyist, who inherited a complete SSRC 'World War II Series' and lives in Toronto, Ontario, Canada! Small World!

STANISLAUS COUNTY COIN CLUB Elected its 2011—2012 Executive Officers and Directors: **AARON BROWN**, *President*, **JOHN BOSWELL**, *Vice-President*, **BRANDI GILMER**, *Recording Secretary*, **DANIEL BROWN**, *Corresponding Secretary*, and **LLOYD SOLOMON**, *Treasurer*, with **JOAN ALVAREZ, HAL DeBOARD, MIKE OLSEN, MARCIA SORIA, KEN SEALS,** and **MIKE TANDY**, *Directors*. In the October 2011 GOLD STRIKE, reelected President **AARON BROWN** commented: "and thank you for our support in the hotly contested election last month [September]. It could have been a close call, had all the write-in votes for 'John Holden for President' not turned out to be fakes! It appears that you like the direction of the Club is going, reelecting nearly all of last year's Officers. With membership crossing the triple digit barrier, record meeting attendance, and a troop of new Junior Members, we have seen more growth this year, 2011, which any I can recall in my years as your President . . . in the meantime, we will just keep doing what we do best: enjoying our favorite hobby! Keep bringing in your Show 'n Tells. I am sure some of our members have taken an advantage of the recent drop in metal prices to add to their hoards. Show us some of the pretty, shiny things you have been stashing away. We promise not to drool, on them. I think we can promise that!" **AARON** is a noted writer of coin children stories, something not well-known in our California coin community. His main character is 'Santa Gaudens', who is described as "the younger, more numismatically focused brother of Santa Claus." Santa Gaudens prepares "coin-related goodies to the good young numismatists who represent the future of the coin hobby." He drives, unlike his older brother, a "red stagecoach, drawn by four flying buffalo," which can land on the Philadelphia Mint's roof, where "his trained eagles." In a recent trip, Santa Gauden was warned by his wife, Mrs. Gauden, "just be careful not to follow that Custer guy around this year." Of course, **AARON** also has a passion for Ancient Roman coinage, and signs his 'President's Column' in the monthly GOLD STRIKE: **'IMP CAES AARON AVG SCCC PRES V'**. *Challenge to NCNA HEADS AND TALES Readers* (excluding SCCC Members): Can You Translate This Title? If so, respond to Your Editor. Also, readers and other coin hobbyists can learn more about the SCCC and its writer/President of coin children stories plus Ancient Roman coinage enthusiast by following the Club on Facebook! Mark It 'Like'! *Correction*: The SCCC's 2012 club medal design, featuring the Fifth (5th) Anniversary of the Gallo Center for the Arts, in Modesto, California, was created by longtime member **JOAN ALVAREZ**. Another name, in error, had been published.

VALLEJO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY Held its Eighteenth (18th) Annual Maxine M. Hopperstad White Elephant Auction at its December 7, 2011 meeting. This year's Auction lasted two hours, with a short break, and the Auctioneers were the *'Team Michael'*: **MICHAEL M. 'Steamer' STANLEY** and **MICHAEL S. TURRINI**, who called the one hundred sixty-three (163) lots. The Auction Table was staffed by **DR. RODNEY W. BAKER, JOHN P. RUSSELL, JR,** and **ROBERT and ELAINE FLORKOWSKI**, with Runners **MICHAEL P. BUTLER** and **KAREN SMITH**. *Sidebar:* It is noted that entire auction, packed in boxes and bags, graced **MICHAEL S. TURRINI's** living and dining room over Thanksgiving! *LOL!* This year's Hopperstad generated $644.00. The recent big event for the VNS was its Joint Christmas Party with its neighbors, the Fairfield Coin Club, held again at Anheuser-Busch Brewery in Fairfield, California. Nearly ninety (90) attendees graced this annual event, this year being the Silver Jubilee Twenty-Fifth (25th) Annual. **CLIFFORD L. MISHLER**, noted coin hobby publisher, traveled from Iola, Wisconsin, to serve as the Party's Master of Ceremonies. **DR. WALTER A. OSTROMECKI, JR.**, from his Encino, California home, attended representing the American Numismatic Association (ANA) as its Vice-President. The Mega Drawing (raffle) claimed a record $1991.00! The 50/50 had two prizes, and the secondary prize, called the Jubilee Box, filled-plus with donations went to **JOHN L. BEARDEN**, while **DEBBIE-SUE ENZMINGER** took the cash prize of $255.00! Also, ***everyone*** won a Door Prize! *To NCNA Members:* Our Association's President **HARRY W. DAVIS** presented during this Party four (4) *'President's Medals'* onto **TAMI QUENGA, DANIEL STEVENS, RAY KOLWASKI,** and **DEBBIE-SUE ENZMINGER**. There were other recognitions at this Party, from the California State Numismatic Association (CSNA) and the California Exonumist Society (CES), and the good news was that Anheuser-Busch Brewery has scheduled ***Saturday*, December 1, 2012** for the Twenty-Sixth (26th) Annual Joint Christmas Party. Earlier, the VNS' October 5, 2011 meeting heard **HERBERT MILES**, from Richmond, California, give his PowerPoint presentation *'Black Numismatics'*: "it was highly received and was most enthused and educating." *Note*: **HARRY W. DAVIS** is the VNS' Bourse Coordinator, and he can reach at ***707-980-8254***.

Special Notice From The
CALIFORNIA STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION (CSNA)

To NCNA HEADS AND TALES READERS: Our sister statewide organization, the California State Numismatic Association (CSNA), is seeking to hold, in 2012, if possible, and future years, a convention here in northern California. Over the past several years, CSNA has not had an independent 'northern' convention, and only this past October 2011 had, after two decades, its first independent 'southern' convention in Long Beach, California. After decades of being associated with or attending at other groups annual shows, CSNA wants to return ***its own*** semiannual conventions, one in the 'north' and one in the 'south'.

The perimeters are quite board: preferably a combination hotel/convention venue, lodging to handle the attendees, ample and free parking, eating services within walking distance, and bourse space capable of fifty to hundred tables. Of course, these perimeters are flexible. The length would be two days or three days, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

CSNA President GARY BEEDON has appointed a special committee to investigate possibilities, and Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA) President HARRY W. DAVIS is on that committee, along with current CSNA Vice-President JEFF SHEVLIN, CSNA Directors ALVIN H.W. LO, LYLE OKAMATO, and HERBERT MILES. They are seeking inputs, ideas, and insights, and would welcome all constructive comments. Your Editor is the designated Chair. You may write to ***'PO Box 4003, Vallejo, California, 94590-0400'*** or telephone ***707-246-6327*** or ***707-980-8254*** and e-mails may be to EMPERORI@juno.com. *Thank You.*

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RON MILLER MEMORIAL AWARD

'The Miller Medal'

Northern California Numismatic Association

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YEAR	RECIPIENT	DATE	SITE OF PRESENTATION	NCNA PRESIDENT
1995	MICHAEL S. TURRINI	5-May 96	24th Vallejo Coin Show, Vallejo	Fred G. van den Haak
1996	GORDON R. DONNELL *	14 Dec 96	FCC/VNS 10th Joint Christmas Party, Fairfield	Fred G. van den Haak
1997	JAN D. HENKE	13 Dec-97	FCC/VNS 11th Joint Christmas Party, Fairfield	Gordon R. Donnell
1997	O.L. WALLIS	13-Dec 97	FCC/VNS 11th Joint Christmas Party, Fairfield	Gordon R. Donnell
1998	EDWARD SINS	26-Sep-98	SJCC October 14, 1998 Meeting, San Jose	Gordon R. Donnell
1998	MICHAEL M. STANLEY	26-Sep 98	RECC/VNS 'Commen Night', Amercian Canyon	Gordon R. Donnell
1999	EDGAR D. FULWIDER	3-Aug-99	LNS August 3, 1999 Meeting, Millbrae	Michael M. Stanley
1999	LEE H. GONG	13-Aug-99	ANA CONECA Banquet, Chicago	Michael M. Stanley
2000	*None Presented*			
2001	DR.WALTER A. OSTROMECKI, JR.	28 Jul 01	4th Annual Nor-Cal Show Banquet, Concord	Michael M. Stanley
2002	ALVIN H.W. LO	14-Dec-02	FCC/VNS 16th Joint Christmas Party, Fairfield	Michael M. Stanley
2003	FRED G. van den HAAK	13-Dec-03	FCC/VNS 17th Joint Christmas Party, Fairfield	Michael M. Stanley
2004	KENNETH J. BARR	4-Dec-04	Nor-Cal V Show Dinner, Fremont	Michael M. Stanley
2004	VINCENT O. LACARIERE	4-Dec-04	Nor-Cal V Show Dinner, Fremont	Michael M. Stanley
2005	*None Presented*			
2006	DENIS N. HOOKER *	13 Jan-07	San Jose, California *by Edward Sins*	Harry W. Davis
2007	MARK Wm. CLARK	28-Mar-08	SFCC March 28, 2008 Meeting, San Francisco	Harry W. Davis
2008	BRIITA M. EHLERS	9-Dec 08	FCC December 9, 2008 Meeting, Fremont	Harry W. Davis
2008	DONALD S. EHLERS	9-Dec 08	FCC December 9, 2008 Meeting, Fremont	Harry W. Davis
2009	SYDNEY M. KASS	5 Dec-09	FCC/VNS 23rd Joint Christmas Party, Fairfield	Harry W. Davis
2009	JAMES H. LAIRD	5-Dec-09	FCC/VNS 23rd Joint Christmas Party, Fairfield	Harry W. Davis
2010	HARRY W. DAVIS	4-Dec-10	FCC/VNS 24th Joint Christmas Party, Fairfield	Harry W. Davis
2010	IRENE CARRILLO	4 Dec-10	FCC/VNS 24th Joint Christmas Party, Fairfield	Harry W. Davis
2011	*None Presented*			

Note: 'The Miller Medal' is presented and awarded by and from the Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA), with a maximum of two (2) per calendar year. It is named for the late Ronald Lee Miller (1944--1993), and it is NCNA's highest and most esteemed honor. The award is an engraved silver medal with a portrait of the late 'Ron' Miller plus a small walnut wall plaque. Nominations are called for each January with the selection by the NCNA's Board of Directors.

Deceased *

SPECIAL NOTICE FOR
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION (NCNA)
'CLUB MEMBERS'

During the 1980s and 1990s, into the early years of this New Century, periodically, our Association had a consistent commitment to supporting and to providing services to its Club Members, local coin clubs. Over the decades, there were generous donations of high quality numismatic references to Club member libraries. There were several quite substantial cash and material contributions for local coin club 'youth activities'. In addition, arrangements, *in gratis*, for qualified Exhibit Judges could be scheduled, as well as complimentary award ribbons, blue, red, and other colors. Further, there was also, regretfully, only for a few years, the 'Coin Club List'. Of course, continuously our Association has issued and distributed, *in gratis*, its well-received 'Coin Show Schedule'. For whatever reason, several services and support ceased around 2005.

In response to several inquiries and the need to demonstrate that the Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA) does have a commitment for, to, and with local coin clubs, the next four pages gleam some suggestions. One is the Mintmaster's Quill from the May 1998 NCNA HEADS AND TALES, and the other is from Stephen Woodland, an active and avid Canadian coin hobby advocate for now named Royal Canadian Numismatic Association (RCNA) and the Ottawa (Ontario) Coin Club. While these might 'aged', these do provide some plausible suggestions and thoughts, which could be advantageous to local northern California coin clubs.

It is intended that future NCNA HEADS AND TALES issues *might* include other like submissions and information. Constructive comments are welcomed.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO ALL NCNA MEMBERS

Karl Cauckwell, of Ukiah, California, is attempting to begin a local coin club in Ukiah, California and a possible small one-day coin and collectibles show also in Ukiah, California. With the impending printing and mailing of this issue of NCNA HEADS AND TALES, there is not much that might be reported.

Interested coin hobbyists and potential bourse dealers are invited to contact Karl at either ***707-621-0998*** or to his e-mail at karlnov71966@hotmail.com.

Your Editor has had some exchanges and conversations with Karl, and he is most excited about the possible local coin club and the one-day Show scheduled for **March 17, 2012, Saturday, 'St. Patrick's Day'**.

This Show will be held at the **Mendocino County Veterans' Memorial Building, 292 Seminary Avenue, in Ukiah, California**. Hours are scheduled for **10:00 AM to 6:00 PM**. Tables, 4x6, are available for $20.00 each, and the Show is open to coin, stamp, and card, and any collectible dealer. At this point, there is no posted admission charge. Karl is trying to arrange also an information table.

Renewals. Dues Notices. Second Notices. Late or Delinquent Dues Payments. Lost Members. That time of the calendar year has ended for most coin clubs here in northern California as to who *did* and who did *not* renew, paying their coin club's respective annual dues. Most coin clubs, and there are exceptions, having dues fixed and prorated to and upon the calendar year.

Being a Treasurer for several diverse organizations, and paying dues annually, there can be no escaping from this necessity for our local coin clubs, or any organization.

Yet, does there exist some means to encourage, and to enhance, prompt, positive, and pleasant dues renewal?

Why some members--those with only short length of membership or those with decades in the group--fail to renew, quit without explanation, cease attending, or just simply disappear are beyond the editorialized thoughts expounded here. Career or Job Changes. Personal Finances or Family Needs. Retirement or Relocation. Children or Commuting. *Any Of these. You Name It.*

But, my point here is to extend and express some ideas to encourage and to enhance renewals. So, Check- These-Out.

Multi-Year Prepayments. Why collect dues just annually? Why not biannually or even triennially? Why not a discount for several years advanced payment, say $5.00 for one year but $12.00 for three years? Whatever amount lost in dollars would be compensated by the convenience and continuity of 'up-front' payments.

Separate Billing. Somewhere back when First Class Postage when from a nickel to a nickel and a cent, or for whatever reason at whatever point in time, most all coin clubs began mentioning 'dues are due' in their respective monthly newsletter or bulletin, rather than a separate distinct annual soliciting mailing. On the surface, this seems easy and okay; however, if *real* dues notices were mailed, as one would get any other bill, then renewals might be treated more punctually and positively. A distinct billing notice--dues renewal--on colored paper with reply envelope creates an impression much more than a buried notice in a multi-page white mimeographed newsletter or bulletin.

Dues Paying Dinner. For years, my local men's social club here in Vallejo has held, each February, its "Annual Dues Paying Dinner", with good response and attendance. Simply, a dinner, or some type of social, is arranged, as an enticement of some form, *open only to those who attend in person and pay their dues.* For my local social club, it has worked so well over the years that those who cannot attend mail their dues in readily with regrets.

Collectible Membership Cards. So many membership cards are so alike: white and dry. Why not great-looking cards, nicely designed and printed, that are collectibles and only issued upon prompt, positive, and pleasant dues payment? Taking this idea from another organization and its unique cards, which are also laminated, this creates a collectible. Knowing the ease also quality of scanning and word processing plus improving computer graphics along with declining costs of reproduction, unique collectible membership cards are not as difficult nor expensive as might be feared.

Paid Lifetime Membership. Lastly, and the most easy to implement, is to have a paid lifetime membership, at a justifiable amount to guarantee adequate income over many years. Do Not Disregard This One. Ask the Redwood Empire Coin Club (RECC) how many of its members converted during just the first year paid lifetime membership was offered, endowing the Club with a *sizable* investment fund. Give It Thought.

These five are only five ideas, and only extolled here in the rough; however, each--or a few or all--could alleviate some of the annual agony and attention to collecting, processing, and handling renewals and dues payments. This wasted energy and enthusiasm that might be expended elsewnere to the betterment of a local coin club, and its members.

Courtesy of the City of Ottawa Coin Club

Ten Steps for a Great Coin Club – Your Program Director's View

by Steve Woodland

After reading "Ten Steps to Winning the Louise Graham Club of the Year Award" that appeared in the September 2004 issue of the CN Journal (Vol. 49, No. 7, pp 367-369), I got to thinking about how these points might apply to the City of Ottawa Coin Club. What follows are my personal thoughts on the "Ten Steps" Dan Gosling presented in his article and how we might use them to enhance our Club.

1. Improve Your Meeting Programs

The success of the COCC is highly dependent upon regular attendance at our monthly meeting. To achieve this, we need a program that is interesting, inclusive, and informative for all our members. We need enthusiastic speakers, appealing topics, enlightening activities, and lively discussions. All our members need to get involved and speak about their coin collecting interests, experiences, and passions. And we mustn't ever hesitate to offer differing perspectives, state opposing views, or discuss provocative issues. It is this lively and interactive exchange of ideas that will draw us together and help each of us to get as much as we possibly can out of our hobby and the Club.

2. Remove Your Club's Business Affairs from Your Regular Meetings

Yo! COCC Executive sit up and take note! We attend the meetings to enjoy the numismatic experience, not to listen to dry and boring nausea about the administration and management of the Club. Keeping that "stuff" to the Executive Meetings means we will take away a positive experience from our regular meeting each month (and it means the members of the Executive don't have to listen to the dull stuff twice...ZZzzz). No need to say anymore on this point!

3. Increase Your Revenue

Our program depends on a steady stream of income to the Club. We must maintain a positive cash flow in order to fund the Club's activities and keep us from withering on the vine. How do we do this? This is where we need ideas, initiative and input. We already have some traditions established: Annual Fees, Fall Club Auction, and monthly 50/50 draws, but we need some new ideas too! When was the last time we hosted the CNA or ONA convention and coin show? Have we ever had a corporate sponsor? How can we reduce our expenses? Can we write a book/publication and sell it to raise money? We are limited only by our imagination and our desire to succeed. Money makes the COCC world go round, but it is the effort and initiative of each individual that greases the gears and wheels. Let's hear some ideas!

4. Separate the Business of Earning from What You Fund

This is an interesting one. Essentially, what it means is that the people who focus on raising the funds should not, if at all possible, be the same folks who are making the decisions on how the money is spent. In other words, the Executive should decide what program activities get funded, while a separate committee (that reports to the Executive, of course) is responsible to raise the necessary funds. By operating this way, we separate the business decision of what to fund from the emotional attachment to the money that develops from having to raise the funds. Gosling

stated it quite well "Your club's executive should decide what projects to support and what initiatives to finance. [The fund-raising committee] ...should only focus on generating a fair and reasonable profit from its activities and not be concerned with how the profits are utilized."

5. Find a Recruiter

Continued growth will keep us from fading away, and the recruitment of new members is an essential ingredient to a healthy club. Not all of us have the knack for encouraging others to join the club, but those of us who do are vital to our Club's future. We need the skills and abilities of those individuals to keep new members walking through the door. Gosling suggests that a local coin dealer who is a member of the club might be the right person to do this job, as he or she would be motivated to encouraging people to become interested in numismatics. While I'll concede that a coin dealer is one possibility, I would prefer that our "recruiter" be someone in the club who is motivated for reasons other than personal profit. As a motivating factor, perhaps we could offer of some sort of incentive to those who recruit new members, say, exemption from next year's fees if you bring in three new members. Any other thoughts? Any volunteers for COCC Recruiter?

6. Develop Volunteers

Volunteers are the heart and soul of the Club, without them we will not survive. And I'm not just thinking about the folks who volunteer for the COCC Executive. We need people to set-up and teardown at each meeting, and we need volunteers as speakers, discussion leaders, and to share their experiences and knowledge with the rest of us. We also need people to develop ideas for Club activities, to contribute articles and items for the COCC Journal, to lead a recruiting drive, to coordinate fund raising, and to spread the word about our great Club. Volunteering will help each of us feel like we belong to the club, that we have made a contribution to the betterment of the club, and that our club is an extension of each of us. This sentiment of "belonging" or "ownership" or "vested interest" in the club is what we get out of our volunteer work. So let's get volunteering!

7. Expand Your Inner Circle of Volunteers

Encouraging members to volunteer for activities and take on responsibilities that are within the scope of their talents and interests will go a long way to drawing in those "fringe" members and forming a more cohesive Club. Anyone who collects has something to give back to the hobby and, if approached in the right way, will become an enthusiastic participant and organizer of Club activities. They will also feel closer to the "Inner Circle of movers and shakers" in the Club and, if all goes well, they will form the core of the next "Inner Circle" as they will be in a better position to move on to positions of greater responsibility within the Club's management structure.

8. Feed the Troops

As an Army guy, I like this one! Food and drink certainly do function as a catalyst to bring people together and get them talking. When I came to my first meeting in November, I was very pleased to see a spread of cheeses, crackers, and sandwiches. By staying around after the meeting and having something to eat, I was able to meet many of the Club members and talk with them about coin collecting in a very informal and relaxed setting. We need to do this more often.

and Gosling offers several suggestions in his article. Our proposed program has a Holiday Gathering planned in December. Are there any other suggestions? Everything we do together doesn't have to focus completely on coin collecting. How about a breakfast meeting? Brunch at the Racetrack? Summer B-B-Q?

9. Acknowledge the "One"

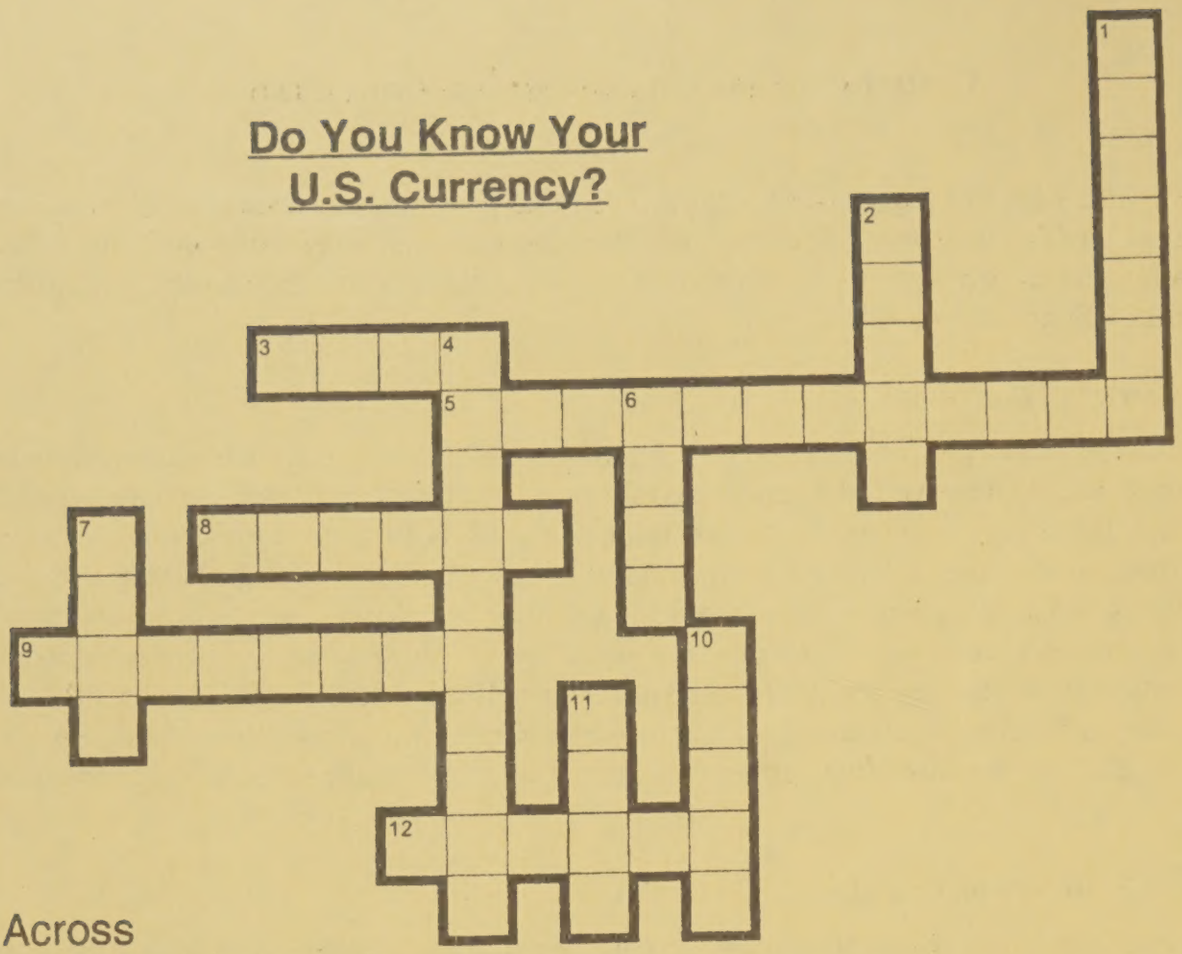
Every club has its "key" people who go "above and beyond" to make the Club a success each year, and these people deserve to be recognized for their contributions. I was extremely pleased to see Johnnie Johnson recognized in the first issue of the CNA Bulletin for his work on our COCC Journal. Well done, Johnnie! We must always ensure those who contribute are thanked for their efforts. Such recognition can range from a simple "thank-you" and a pat on the back to a public presentation of an award. Not only is this the "right" thing to do, it may also encourage others to participate when they see the recognition their colleagues receive for their contributions. And of course, such acknowledgement should be embedded in the culture of our Club, not as an afterthought. So if we see someone "going that extra mile," let's make sure they get recognized for it!

10. Groom Your Replacement

Each of us can only do the things we do for the Club for so long. Fatigue, boredom, illness, age, and many other factors will eventually cause us to change what and how we contribute to the Club. We all need to be both Mentors and Students; Mentors who bring others along in what we are doing now, and Students who are learning to do something else that will both contribute to the Club and motivate us. My mother always told me that "A change is as good as a rest," so each of us should be prepared to change duties and responsibilities within the Club to prevent ourselves from becoming stale. We continually need "new blood" on our Executive and our committees, so start thinking now about how you might contribute to the Club in the future.

These are a few of the thoughts I had as I read Dan Gosling's article. I realize that these ideas are not the way each of us may see things within the Club, and I respect each individual's perspective. What I hoped to accomplish was to get each of us more interested in the Club, becoming more involved in establishing where we want to go and how to get there, and achieving that goal. Each of us is an essential part of the Club, and each of us can make an important contribution. What will you contribute?

Do You Know Your U.S. Currency?



Across

3. Approximate length of 11900 small notes laid end to end.
5. One method Treasury uses to destroy notes withdrawn from circulation.
8. Certificate notes issued in 1, 5, and 10 dollar denominations with blue seals.
9. Sec. of the Treasury in 1929 when small size currency notes first appeared.
12. Color of treasury seal on WWII North Africa and Sicily notes.

Down

1. President that signed the national bank note act into law, 1863.
2. Short for palindrome note.
4. President that approved "In God We Trust" to be on notes after July 11, 1955.
6. Height of 233 notes.
7. Slang for a replacement note.
10. Color of small size Fed. Reserve bank notes, series 1929.
11. Note with micro size check number on one side and a macro size number on the opposite side.

COIN SHOW SCHEDULE

These coin Club show listings are provided as a free service to the numismatic community by the Northern California Numismatic Association. Show listings are updated quarterly and are available without cost to member Coin Clubs. If you would like to have a show listed, please send all pertinent show information early to: N.C.N.A., Fred G. van den Haak, P.O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, Ca. 94306-0484. You may also e mail the information to: fredvdh@gmail.com

The joint website for the Fairfield Coin Club, Solano Silver Round Club, Vallejo Numismatic Society and Northern California Numismatic Association is: www.solanocoinclub.com

Jan. 27-39, 2012 SAN JOSE. San Jose 44th Coin, Stamp and Collectibles Show, Double Tree Hotel, Bayshore Ballroom, 2050 Gateway Place, San Jose. Bourse: Ray Johnson, P. O. Box 10416 San Jose, CA. 95157-1416, Phone: 408-973-1606 sanjosecoins@aol.com. Admission $4.

Feb. 17-18 2012 SANTA ROSA. Redwood Empire Coin Club 44th Annual Show, E.L. Finley Hall, Sonoma County Fairgrounds, 1350 Bennett Valley Road, Santa Rosa. Bourse: Merle Avila (707) 585-3711 or (707) 824-4811 eves. Admission $1, under 12 free.

Feb. 19, 2012 SAN JOSE. "Cupertino" Coin Club 40th Annual Coin Show, Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose. Bourse: Bruce Braga (408) 839-1883 or Cupertino Coin Club, P.O. Box 448, Cupertino, CA 95015-0448. Free Parking. Admission: $2 adults, youth 17 and under free.

Mar. 11, 2012 LIVERMORE. Livermore Valley Coin Club 49th Annual Coin Show, Elks Lodge, 940 Larkspur, Livermore. Bourse: Steve Kramer, P.O. Box 610, Livermore, Ca. 94551. Phone (925) 422-3794.

Mar. 31-April 1 2012 SACRAMENTO. "2012" Wests Token Jamboree, Western Token Society, Red Lion Inn, 1401 Arden Way, Sacramento. Bourse/Information: Michael Wehner, P.O. Box 194271, San Francisco, Ca., 94119-4271 Phone: (415) 928-4469; e mail: mf_wehner@yahoo.com website: http://www.exonumia.homestead.com

May 6, 2012 VALLEJO. Vallejo Numismatic Society 40th Annual Show, Veteran's Memorial Building, 420 Admiral Callaghan Lane, Vallejo. (off Redwood Parkway and turn south on Admiral Callaghan) Bourse: Harry Davis, 2900 Georgia, Vallejo, Ca. 94591-6602 Phone: 707-642-0216. Information: Michael S. Turrini, P.O. Box 4104, Vallejo, Ca. 94590-0410. Phone: 707-246-6327, e mail: EMPERORI@juno.com.

July 28-9, 2012	FREMONT. Fremont Coin Club 40th Annual Show, Elk's Hall, 38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont, Ca. Information: (510) 792-1511; Bourse: Vince Lacariere, P.O. Box 1401, Fremont, Ca. 94538
Aug. 12, 2012	FAIRFIELD. Fairfield Coin Club 23rd Annual Coin Show, Willow Room, Fairfield Community Center (downtown), 1000 East Kentucky off Pennsylvania. **Admission $1** Bourse Coordinator: Robert Belleau (707) 644-6232, P.O.Box 944, Fairfield, CA 94533-0094
Sept. 16, 2012	LIVERMORE. Livermore Valley Coin Club Second Fall Coin Show, Elks Lodge, 940 Larkspur, Livermore. Bourse: Steve Kramer, P.O. Box 610, Livermore, Ca. 94551. Phone (925) 422-3794.
Oct. 20-1, 2012	STOCKTON. Delta Coin Club 48th Annual Coin Show, Eagles Hall, 1492 Bourbon Street, Stockton. Bourse: Ruben Smith III, P.O. Box 5787, Stockton, CA. 95205. Phone (209) 982-5961, E Mail: rubensmith@hotmail.com.
Nov. 4, 2012	SAN JOSE. Peninsula Coin Club 33rd Annual Coins and Collectibles Show, Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose. Bourse: Fred van den Haak, P.O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, Ca. 94306. Phone: (650) 498-4158 E Mail: fredvdh@gmail.com
Feb. 17, 2013	SAN JOSE. "Cupertino" Coin Club 41st Annual Coin Show, Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose. Bourse: Bruce Braga (408) 839-1883 or Cupertino Coin Club, P.O. Box 448, Cupertino, CA 95015-0448. Free Parking. Admission: $2 adults, youth 17 and under free.
Nov. 3, 2013	SAN JOSE. Peninsula Coin Club 34th Annual Coins and Collectibles Show, Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose. Bourse: Fred van den Haak, P.O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, Ca. 94306. Phone: (650) 498-4158 E Mail: fredvdh@gmail.com